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1. FOLLOWING SURPRISE ASCENSION DAY GAUS-NIER MEETING
MAY 23 IN EAST BERLIN IN WHICH "MATTERS OF COMMON
INTEREST" WERE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED, SENAT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT
VISITS COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN WEST BERLIN NEXT WEEK
TO EXAMINE GDR COMPULSORY-EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS.
TAGESSPIEGEL MAY 25 CITED BONN SOURCES AS SAYING THAT
QUESTION OF ACCREDITATION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
HAD BEEN MAIN THEME OF GAUS-NIER CONVERSATIONS AND
QUOTED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AS HAVING SAID IN NORDDEUTSCHER
RUNDFUNK INTERVIEW THAT HE WOULD NOT REGARD POSSIBLE
LOWERING OF EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS AS GDR /CONCESSION."
PAPER ALSO QUOTED SENAT SPOKESMAN STRUVE AS HAVING SAID
IN INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL SPD ORGAN -BERLINER STIMME"
THAT REDUCTION OF COMPULSORY EXCHANGE COULD NOT BE
"RESULT OF NEW NEGOTIATIONS, BUT SHOULD TAKE PLACE
AT THEIR BEGINNING." STRUVE SAID AMENDMENT OF VISIT
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REGULATIONS WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION FOR

SENAT BUT RATHER CITED LIST OF SUBJECTS SUCH AS OIL PIPELINE, WASTE DISPOSAL, TELTOW CANAL AND INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN IN POWER GRID, WHERE SOLUTIONS WERE POSSIBLE IN CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS UNRELATED TO CURRENCY EXCHANGE.

2. COMMENT: THESE DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY TONE OF SCHMIDT AND STRUVE STATEMENTS, MAY INDICATE NEW GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO TAKE SOMEWHAT TOUGHER LINE IN ITS DEALINGS WITH GDR. SCHMIDT'S REMARKS TO SENAT, PRESS, ETC., DURING HIS FIRST VISIT TO BERLIN AS CHANCELLOR MAY 30 WILL DOUBTLESS BE CLOSELY MONITORED FOR SIGNS OF HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD OSTPOLITIK, AND HOW HE SEES BERLIN AS FITTING IN PICTURE.KLEIN

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